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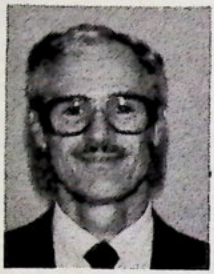

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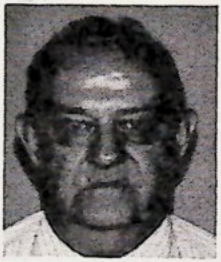

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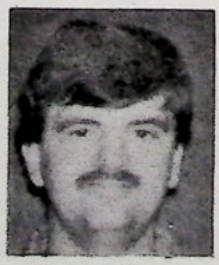

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THANK YOU — FROM A NEW N.C.N.A. DIRECTOR

I would like to express my thanks to all those who voted for me this past annual election. As one of your Directors of the N.C.N.A. I will do my very best to represent the hobby of numismatics and to strengthen the N.C.N.A. I challenge all of you to aid me in this quest. If you have a complaint or constructive suggestions send them to me, as a Director of the N.C.N.A., your collective voice, we can improve our status and achieve infinite goals. Help me to help you.

Sincerely,
John House
Director - N.C.N.A.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Looking back to last year's Convention, which was the last of September, we had to have this year's Convention two months early. The reason for the earlier date was not being able to find a place to have the Convention in September. Size and being reasonable in rates makes a difference. If you haven't been in the position of Convention Director -- you should try it. There are many things that have to be done that don't show up when the doors are opened. To Ted Hendrick, Aaron Bass and Dot, we give our thanks.

To give you an idea of what you may have missed by not attending, the Educational Program given by Mr. Pete Bishal was great. His program was on the patterns for the Morgan Dollar. These were made by George T. Morgan and submitted to Mint Director Linderman. Many drawings and minted versions were minted or were submitted on a half dollar. We finally were given the design in 1878. The 1878 Morgan Dollar has many varities; check your Redbook on page 156. It was a very interesting program and I hate that I had to miss the last part. Hope to see the rest some day.

A very good selection of exhibits were on display for all to enjoy - and many did. Hope you didn't miss them. I hope there will be many of you out there who will share with us your love of numismatic coins for exhibits next year. Our thanks to Winborne Springs and Autence Bason.

Our host, the Raleigh Coin Club, did a fine job on the reception desk. Literature, applications and many free items could be had. Thanks guys.

Will any Member or Club top Mr. Bob Harmon, of the Kannapolis Club and North State Coins? He signed up 42 new members to the N.C.N.A. this past year. It does give every member and club something to shoot for.

Next year, our Convention will be in Charlotte, October 3, 4 & 5, 1986. Hope to see you there.

Donald G. Sharpe

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BECOMING HELPFUL IS REQUIRED TO ADVANCE NUMISMATICS

As you now know, Gene King and I opened a new coin store in Charlotte, January 8, 1985. I would like to share with you my experiences. I have met many new people and made new friends in the eight months we have been open.

We have had collectors, investors, starters, and just "good old lookers" in our store and it is a joy to talk to these people. I think we are getting people interested in collecting coins again. There was a time about five years ago that the collector stepped out - because of prices? I don't know; things aren't cheap now.

We have customers collecting Roosevelt dimes, Franklin half-dollars, Lincoln cents, etc. There is a young man nine years old who started a collection of BU Roosevelt Dimes. He doesn't look at one date and take that one. No, he looks at all we have and picks the best of that year. I have told him not to buy the first coin offered. I like to make a sale just as much as the next one, but I want him to get the best coin for his money. We need to help whenever we can. People will come back and buy if you help in every way you can. I encouraged this young man to join the Charlotte Coin Club, and we now have a new member.

I'll bet many of you didn't know that a lot of youngsters don't know whan an IKE Dollar looks like, or even a Franklin Half-Dollar. If you don't believe me, get a few circulated IKE's and buy a hamburger and stand back and see what happens.

How do you advise a person what type or series of coins to collect if they already have a Lincoln or Jefferson nickel set? I had that question asked me not too long ago. There is the short series - 11 coins, two cents pieces, or the really short series - 20¢ pieces, four collectible coins, or a hard set - the half dime - that is many coins and varities. I sold that person a book **Let's Collect Coins** and told him to come back and I would help in any way I could. Will let you know how this ends.

I really do not try to remember every thing about a series of coins. I like to tell people to go to the reference books so they can find many things about numismatics instead of taking my word for it. The study of coins is what the word "numismatics" means. One coin to study is the Morgan Dollar.

There are other men who come to our store every week and make a purchase; one collects dollars, one collects nickels, and the other proof coins. It is a joy to see them discuss coins and look at what they want to buy. They haven't yet asked me "What will my coins be worth in one or two years?" They just like to collect.

For what it's worth, my advice to anyone who wants to collect coins is: read about the history of the coins; find out for yourself the who, what, why, and how the coins came about. If you start, you will want to collect the best you can afford.

Donald G. Sharpe

NCNA CONVENTION

The first summertime convention in the history of the North Carolina Numismatic Association's history is itself now history. Held at Raleigh's Mission Valley Inn, July 26th through July 28th, the convention has as large a bourse as any in recent years. There was a steady flow of people on all three days.

The exhibits included an unusual number of new exhibits from local participants. The awards were as follows:

Best in show: Communion Tokens by Autence Bason

Superior : Nobody's Perfect by Mike Wallace
Pilgrim Heritage by R. E. Southworth
Washington Quarters by H. Fred Simpson

Excellent : Modern Coinage of India by John Page
Paul's Missionary Journey by Aaron Bass
Coins of Sarawak by A. Wayne Brooke
Washington Quarter Errors by H. Fred Simpson

The exhibits also included a display of counterfeit and altered coins (properly labeled) by Barry Cohen. Ken Hunichen also exhibited a number of seldom seen Russian coins.

The awards breakfast on Sunday morning saw the officers elected in one of the most spirited elections in recent years installed. Your new officers are:

President.....Donald G. Sharpe
1st Vice President.....Winborne Springs
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Secretary-Treasurer.....R. E. Southworth
Directors.....Robert Lew Harmon, Jr.
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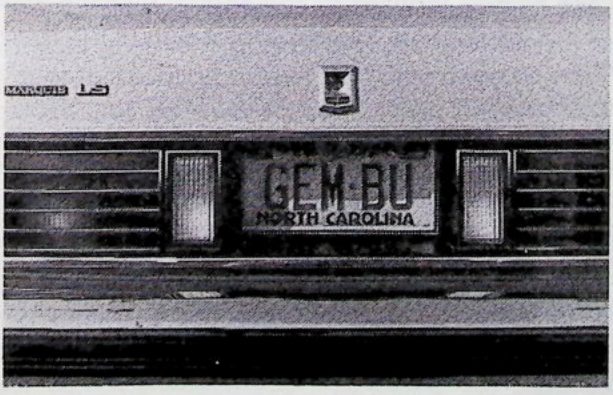
The high point of the awards ceremony was the presentation of the H. Fred Simpson Award for outstanding contributions to numismatics in North Carolina. This award went to Dot Hendrick of Raleigh who in President Sharpe's words "is the person who is always there, always helping, always encouraging, and always alert to what needs to be done. An NCNA convention wouldn't be the same without Dot."

Unfortunately your editor's photography leaves something (a whole lot) to be desired, and we don't have photos from the convention.

The newest numismatist, Sterling Barefoot with his mama, Sue

W. L. Camp & Bob Harmon strike a deal.



Whose Gem Bu?

PETE BISHAL SPEAKS TO NCNA EDUCATIONAL FORUM

This year's NCNA convention educational program featured Pete Bishal who operates DaNutt's Errors of Westport, Massachusetts. In Friday night's talk Mr. Bishal followed Mr. George T. Morgan from his arrival in the United States in November 1876 through a busy year of pattern making in 1877. The development of Morgan's ideas for both the obverses and reverse of a new coinage was traced, illustrated by many slides of the 1877 patterns. Morgan fairly quickly settled on the basic design of an obverse, using a head modeled after a friend, Miss Anna Williams, whom he had met shortly after arriving in Philadelphia. The reverse went through more dramatic changes which are illustrated in Judd's book. The interesting thing is that until the fall of 1877 Morgan was producing pattern half dollars, not dollars. Only in the late fall and after settling on the basic design for the reverse did he produce dollar patterns.

On Saturday night, Mr. Bishal, who refers to himself as the 1878 peanut, detailed the many varieties of 1878 dollars that have been found. Many hours of painstaking study were distilled into a talk that can be summarized by saying that Pete can identify over 140 different varieties of the 1878 dollar. Most of these involve different combinations of a relative few partial hubs including a number of cases where the artist obviously had second thoughts and overstruck different versions of the same design. These varieties demonstrate a steady evolution of the design until it was finally frozen for use over the next forty years.

The audience asked a number of questions and considerable discussion followed the talk. We all look forward to seeing Mr. Bishal's work published. The cover of this issue of the journal shows one of the many 1877 half dollar patterns.

A VISIT TO THE 1985 ANA CONVENTION

by. H. H. Carmichael

The 1985 convention of the American Numismatic Society in Baltimore, Maryland was advertised as the world's largest coin show, and it certainly seemed to live up to its billing. There were over two hundred bourse tables, over a hundred exhibits, a large auction, and meetings of all kinds.

North Carolina was represented by several bourse dealers and exhibitors, and dozens of collectors on the floor and in meetings. The bourse had a little bit of everything. I was offered coins I was interested in for prices ranging from ten cents to $3,500.00. I bought the former. Several mints had booths offering material for sale. The biggest splash was made by the Peoples Republic of China which was selling a medal depicting one of their national treasures labeled the "taerG llaW".

The highlight of the exhibits were two noncompetitive ones. The obvious one was the stuffed head of Black Diamond, the buffalo that served as the model for James Earle Fraser's design of what we know as the buffalo nickel. It seems that some years later when Black Diamond became over aged for display at the New York Zoo, he was sold to a Mr. A. Silz, who ran a firm selling wild game to restaurants. Mr. Silo sold several hundred pounds of Black Diamond steaks at fancy prices. There is no record of how tasty or tender they were. Mr. Silz had the head mounted and displayed it for years, turning down a "name your price" offer from Diamond Jim Brady. On Mr. Silz' death the head was passed to an employee, whose heirs own it today. It is rumored that Black Diamond is still potentially dangerous, having fallen and gored one of the workers involved in mounting him for the display in Baltimore.

The second display was less obvious until one stopped to look at it. I wondered why guards stepped up on each side of me when I leaned over to examine a case with only three coins. The coins were: an 1803 dollar, an 1804 dollar, and a silver pattern dollar by Christian Gobrecht. The last is the original use of the design that later was used on the flying eagle cent, and the specimen shown had twenty-six stars in the field. This very cluttered design was the only coin design between 1798 and 1907 to refer to the current number of states in the Union.

If you missed this opportunity to see and meet the famous names from all over the country, plan now on attending the midwinter convention to be held in Charlotte in 1987.

COIN SHOW CALENDAR

LOCAL CHAIRMAN PLEASE NOTIFY DIRECTOR OF CONVENTIONS, TED HENDRICK, BOX 12052, RALEIGH, NC 27605 (PHONE 919-828-9450) OR THE EDITOR OF YOUR PLANS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID CONFLICTS.

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5- 6	Greensboro NC, Hilton Inn, Barry Cohen, Box 10678, Greensboro NC 27404
12-14	Parker Coin Club, National Guard Armory, Spartenburg SC, Jake Howard, Box 1292, Greer SC 29651
18-20	MANA, New Carrolton MD, Earl Blaisdell, 2250 Highland Terrace, Falls Church VA 22046
25-27	South Carolina Numismatic Association Convention, Holiday Inn, City Center, Columbia SC, David Bellamy, Rt. 1, Box 276-A-3, Elgin SC 29045

NOVEMBER 1985

1- 3	Charlotte NC, Merchandise Mart, Ted Hendrick, Box 12052, Raleigh NC 27605
2- 3	Nova Coin Club, Vienna VA, Earl Blaisdell
9-10	Raleigh NC, Mission Valley Inn, Ted Hendrick
8-10	Peach State Coin Convention and Show, Waverly Hotel, Atlanta GA, Larry Jackson, Box 76482, Atlanta GA 30328
14-17	International Paper Money Convention, Hyatt, Cherry Hill NJ, Paul J. Pfeil, 14 Roosevelt Dr., Ogdensburg NJ 07439
16-17	Salem Coin Club Holiday Show, American Legion Building, Salem VA, W. L. Camp, Jr., Rt. 2, Box 306, Fincastle VA 24090
23-24	Greensboro Coin Club, Blue Room Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro NC, Paul Green, 2313 Randleman Road, Greensboro NC
30-DEC 1	Cape Fear Coin Club, Sheraton Motor Inn, Fayetteville NC, John Wills, Box 40632, Fayetteville NC 28309

DECEMBER 1985

5- 7	Commonwealth Coin Club, Sheraton Motor Inn, Lanham MD, Earl Blaisdell
13-15	Blue Ridge Numismatic Association, Civic Center, Charlotte NC, Don Sharpe, Box 33292, Charlotte NC 28233

JANUARY 1986

2- 5	FUN, Orlando FL
25-26	Carolina Coin & Stamp Shows, Raleigh NC, Ted Hendrick
31-FEB 2	International Numismatic Society, Adams Mark Hotel, Philadelphia PA

FEBRUARY 1986

4- 5	Greensboro NC, Barry Cohen
18-19	Charlotte Coin Club, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Don Sharpe, Box 33292, Charlotte NC 28233
19-23	ANA Midwinter Convention, Salt Lake City UT
22-23	Lumber River Coin Club, Natn'l Guard Armory, Lumberton NC, Bob Floyd, Box 623, Fremont NC 28340

MARCH 1986

1- 2	Cumberland County Coin Club, Fayetteville NC, Charles Kimber, 3705 Florida Avenue, Fayetteville NC 28301
15-16	Eagle Coin Club, Lexington NC
22-23	Shennandoah Valley Coin Club, Stanton VA

APRIL 1986

21-22	Greensboro NC, Barry Cohen

JUNE 1986

7- 8	Raleigh Coin Club, Raleigh NC
28-30	Carolina Coin & Stamp Shows, Charlotte NC, Ted Hendrick

JULY 1986

19-20	Greensboro NC, Barry Cohen

AUGUST 1986

5-10	ANA Convention, Milwaukee WI

OCTOBER 1986

3- 5	NORTH CAROLINA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, Charlotte NC, Ted Hendrick
11-12	Greensboro NC, Barry Cohen

FEBRUARY 1987

26-28	A N A MIDWINTER CONVENTION, Charlotte NC

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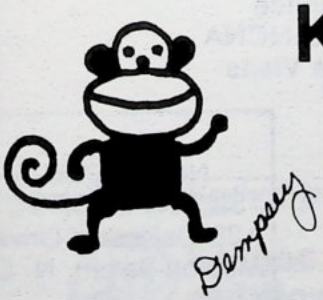

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